

REMARKS

This application is a division under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of Application No. 10/213,872, filed August 6, 2002.

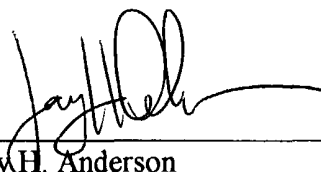
Claims 17-20 are now presented for examination. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 17 is the only independent claim. Favorable review is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claims 1-20 of the prior application were subject to a restriction requirement (Office Action dated April 29, 2003). Claims 1-16 of that application were elected for prosecution on the merits. Claims 17-20 presented herewith are identical to the claims directed to the non-elected invention in the prior application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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